

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

February 5, 2010

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Chief Cox at 0728. The following members were present: Charles Schneider, Russ Trimble, Jeff Pomeranz, Scott Sanders, Don Cox, Jack O'Donnell, Jody Smith, Mike Whitsell, Joe Cory, Jason Wittgraf, Scott Wiegert, Larry Richards, Paul Barrows, Rob Dehnert, David Edgar, James Sargent, Amy Larsen, Mike Ficcola, and Michelle McKelvogue.

REVIEW OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Chief Cox reviewed the minutes from December 4, 2009. One follow-up item; Rob Dehnert reported the Warren County routing project is now complete.

FACILITIES / EQUIPMENT

Paul Barrows provided an update on the remodel at the LEC. The suppression system has been installed in the server room. Probation & Parole offices are open & operational. The project is three months over schedule, but remains under budget. After a few electrical items are completed, the walk-through and punch list will be scheduled.

CODES / ORDINANCES

Chief O'Donnell reported on the Val Air consultant sound report. The next Sound Committee Meeting is February 25th at 2:00 P.M. where a revised ordinance will be brought forward. The revised ordinance will be brought before City Council on March 8, with a possible enforcement date of July 1, 2010. Fire Marshal Whitsell requested he be included in any meeting where Val Air facility changes are discussed to ensure fire code compliance.

COLLABORATION / PARTNERSHIP / PROGRAMS

Chief Cox reported on the renewal of the 28E Agreement for the Westside Fire/EMS Station. The current 21 year 28E Agreement will expire December 5, 2012. For budget planning purposes, the 28E renewal process is being completed now. The proposed agreement includes a five year extension, revised financing formula, as well as removing construction costs. The agreement that was distributed prior to this meeting has been through both Clive & West Des Moines City Managers, finance, legal, and fire departments. The question of who Chairs the Management Committee was raised; Jeff Pomeranz reported, the members serve on several committees and there is a very good balance of responsibilities within these committees. Chief Cox will move forward with the council communication to approve the 28E Agreement.

OPEN FORUM

City Manager Jeff Pomeranz reported he was approached by Councilman Trevillyan regarding the future of the City's Animal Pound. Councilman Trevillyan is concerned the current facility is not sufficient to handle all of the needs associated with animal care. Other options for consideration would be further looking into using the Animal Rescue League as well as reviewing the agreement for handling animal pick-up in Clive.

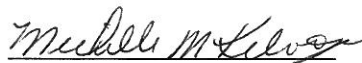
Captain Barrows reported he will be bringing a Weed Ordinance forward on the April Agenda. The ordinance is being drafted by our legal & parks departments, but includes enforcement issues that affect the police department.

Chief O'Donnell brought up concerns he has regarding the \$85,000 budgeted for Homeland Security. The 28E Agreement is up for renewal and in discussions during the Des Moines Homeland Security Response Team Advisory Committee, a request was made for copy of the proposed budget for FY 10/11 outlining staffing & expense. The request for budget information has not been met and was pushed back to a City Managers Group. Our City Managers office is going to draft a formal letter requesting the information with the letter being signed by himself, Mayor Gaer, Councilman Schneider, Councilman Trimble, Chief O'Donnell & Chief Cox. Chief Cox added that the current proposed 28E Agreement does not have an expiration date. Jeff Pomeranz recommended an expiration date or other verbiage outlining withdraw must be added before the Agreement will be brought forward for consideration.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Friday, April 2, 2010 at Station 21, at 07:30.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 08:10.



Michelle McKelvogue, Recording Secretary

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